

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

Shanghai, 13th March, 1938. 1569

MAILS EXPECTED

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. and O. steamer *Sutcliffe*, with the north English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m. on the 21st, and is due here on the evening of the 29th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the north American mail, left Yokohama on the 21st, and is due here on the 29th inst.

THE HAWAIIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Moray*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 23rd, and may be looked for on the 29th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The D. D. N. steamer *Atlanta*, left Singapore on the 19th, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 28th instant.
The Shire Line steamer *Broomfield* left Singapore on the 22nd, and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.
The E. & A. steamer *Bowen* left Port Darwin on the 19th, and is expected here on the 30th instant.
The steamer *Nelson* left Sydney on the 26th inst., and may be expected here on the 1st May.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

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The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WELL CLOSE

For Woonoon.—Per *Homes*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Gordon Castle*, to-day the 26th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Kumamoto*, to-day the 27th inst. at 3.30 A.M.

For Bunchang.—Per *Poolang*, to-morrow, at 27th inst., at 4.00 P.M.

For Amoy, Pannai, and Taiwan.—Per *Polio*, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—Per *Venice*, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 4.00 P.M.

For Nagasaki.—Per *Helga*, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

DEPARTURES.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT OFFICES.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing the Mail, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—

Moins.—Money Order Office closes.

2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

3.00 P.M.—Mail is received for Letter Lots.

3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late of 10 cents until

3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

3.40 P.M.—Letters may be posted on receipt of the packet with late fee of 10 cents, on time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
Day before Departure.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on the next day with Late Fee of 10 Cents.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET
The British Contract Packet "DECCA" will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 2nd inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi; to the Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—The Packet carries no mails for Australasian Colonies.
The usual hours will be observed in closing.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY PEKING," will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 5th May, with Mails for Japan, Haifu, San Francisco, the United States, Central Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:

2.30 p.m. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with a Fee of 10 cents extra. Postage until the time of departure.

Boxes of letters are sometimes received at

Post Office-not sealed, that is to say, the box fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes so more recognizable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached

Post Office: the omission of the former, whether part of them might not have been straitened for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

No responsibility can be accepted by the Office for erroneous replies to verbal inquiries or to letters addressed to subordinate officers.

Brooks told off to sell stamps should afterwards not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard.

INSURANCES.
NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the
Company, are prepared to GRANT
INSURANCES to the extent of \$65,000, on
class risks at current rates.
MELCHERS & C
Hongkong, 27th March, 1876.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
 Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding £20,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY WISE & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
—ESTABLISHED 1834.

INSURANCES effected for Life or for Periods; on Joint Lives; and on the basis of payment system.

For Particulars apply to

LINSTEAD & DAY
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1892.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the Sale of their Goods
Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R.
NEFT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COBB,
Glasgow, & Leith.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, January, 1867.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON
GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, as Agents for the said
Company, are prepared from this date to
GRANT POLICIES upon FIRST-CLASS F
to the extent of £15,000, at the Reduced R

Rate. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &
Hongkong, 11th May, 1891.

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CONSIGNEES.	FIOR.
KOHAMA.	
on 13th APRIL, 1883.	
H. Cook	
F. Retz	
H. Cook	
J. D. Carroll & Co	
P. Bohm	
Walsh, Hall & Co	
C. Millie & Co	
C. & J. Trading Co	
J. E. Collyer & Co	
Fraser & Co	
Fraser & Co	
Grosser & Co	
Captain	
Chinese	
M. Ginsberg	
Fraser-Farley & Co	
D. Carroll & Co	
P. Bohm	
J. E. Collyer & Co	
Owston, Sauer & Co	
Captain	
J. E. Collyer & Co	
M. Ginsberg	
W. Copland	
North Pacific Co	
F. Retz	
M. B. S. S. Co	
Cornes & Co	
C. & J. Trading Co	
Fraser & Co	
P. Hodnett	
MANILA.	
on 4th APRIL, 1883.	

Smith, Ball & Co	Channah
T. Horwman & Co	N.Y. or B'ton
Smith, Ball & Co	New York
Pease, Hubbard & Co	S. Francisco
Ker & Co	New York
Smith, Ball & Co	Liverpool
W. F. Stevenson & Co	New York
Marston, D'Yon & Co	N.Y. via Haiti
Smith, Ball & Co	
Pease, Hubbard & Co	Boston
MacLeod & Co.	London

WOLFO.

ON 4TH APRIL, 1883.

Ker & Co	N.Y. or B'ton
Smith, Ball & Co	Boston
Smith, Ball & Co	N.Y. or B'ton
Ker & Co	Manila

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT
Com. Hicks	Shanghai
Captain R. E. Tracer	Shanghai
Cpt. R. G. S. Peasey	Singapore
Cpt. H. N. Hippisley	Amoy
Captain Austruther	Hongkong
Com. F. J. Elliott	Nagasaki
	Hongkong

Commander Collins	Shanghai
Commander Hope	Singapore
Commander McQuhase	Sandakan
Commander E. Hotham	Shanghai
Commander C. R. Harris	Shanghai
Commander A. Carpenter	Hongkong
Commander J. H. Corrie	Kobe
Commander Bickford	Shanghai
Commander M. Bridges	Yokohama
Commander Collins	Canton
Commander J. W. Brackenbury	Hongkong
Commander Cummings	Hongkong
Commander C. Lindsey	Shanghai
Commander G. N. A. Pollard	Hongkong
	Shanghai

AND JAPAN STATION.

CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
Captain Schabus	Chfoo
Commander Callard	Saipon
Commander L. Kempt	Kobe
Captain Alexioff	Singapore
Captain J. R. Biquero	Japan
Captain Giers	Shanghai
Commander Hillmann	Hongkong
Captain Kolothau	Nagasaki
Commander Stark	Vladivostok
Commander Klars	Hongkong
Commander Beaumont	Haiphong
Captain D. de la Batie	Haiphong
Captain Herbig	Hongkong
Captain Bonvier	Haiphong
Commander G. S. Cotton	Swatow
Commander Tetaff	Vladivostok
Commander Valroind	Nagasaki
Captain Pollankey	Hongkong
Captain Skerrett	Haiphong
Commander Boyle	Vladivostok
Captain Sidenher	Vladivostok
Captain von Bachlitz	Hongkong
Capt. de Costa Cabral	Nagasaki
Commander Hecks	Swatow
Capt. H. M. Warila	Vladivostok
Captain Arla	Singapore
Captain Dewatre	Haiphong
Commander Molokhosky	Japan
Commander von Raven	Hongkong

ADRON.

COMMANDER.	STATION.
—	Hongkong
—	Hongkong
Stewart	Hongkong
Bessard	Hongkong
—	Hongkong
—	Hongkong
—	Hongkong
—	Hongkong
—	Canton
Yang Yia Ting	Hongkong
—	Canton
—	Canton
—	Hongkong
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—	Bogue Ports
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Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

April 18	Carver	Am. bk	320	Captain	Flying Fish	sloop	4	490	Com. John Hope	Singapore
April 23	Boynton	Am. bk	689	Malacca & Co	Portland	double-screw gun-vessel	4	470	Lieut. Com. McQuhee	Sandakan
Feb. 24	H. Talpat	Am. bk	2698	Russell & Co	Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	4	1830	Commander E. Hotham	Shanghai
April 18	Shirahagi	Brit. bk	392	Dunn, Malby & Co	Linnets	gunboat	5	4950	Com. C. R. Harris	Shanghai
					Magpie	surveying vessel	5	1003	Lieut. Com. A. Carpenter	Hongkong
					Mooreen	double-screw gun-vessel	4	470	Lieut. Com. J. H. Corlie	Kobe
					Pogans	gunboat	6	2720	Com. Rickford	Shanghai
					Sheldrake	gunboat	6	2720	Lieut. Com. M. Bridger	Yokohama
					Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	5	1010	Commander Collins	Canton
					Tsalia	trawling ship	—	—	W. Brackebach	Singapore
					Tweed	double-screw gunboat	8	2360	In reserve	Hongkong
					V. Emanuel	receiving ship	20	—	Commodore Cuming	Hongkong
					Vigilant	paddle dispatch-vessel	3	1230	Lieut. Com. O. Lindsey	Shanghai
					Zephyr	tug-ship	1	450	In reserve	Tongkong
						gunboat	4	530	Lt.-Com. G.N.A. Pollard	Shanghai

MACAO.										
—	Lafavore	Brit. str.	115	H. O. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton					

WIAMPOEA.										
Mar. 25	Schroder	Ger. bg.	275	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Canton					

CANTON.										
April 22	Hertzmann	Brit. str.	814	Slueman & Co	Shanghai					
April 22	Hogg	Brit. str.	990	Jardine, Matheson & Co						
April 24	Wilson	Chi. str.	984	C. M. S. N. Co						

SAATCHOW.										
In Force on 15th April, 1893.										
Mar. 28	—	Ger. str.	—	—	—					
April 13	—	Ger. sch.	144	—						

AMOI.										
In Force on 21st April, 1893.										
April 13	D. Murray	Brit. bk.	400	Boyd & Co	Shanghai					
April 7	Paulsen	Ger. bk.	630	Captain						
April 2	Miehlens	Ger. sch.	238	A. H. Petersen & Co						
April 7	Schulz	Brit. bk.	311	Passing & Co						
April 6	J. Cooke	Brit. bk.	415	Boyd & Co						
April 6	Kroger	Nor. bk.	495	Boyd & Co						
April 7	Afleck	Brit. bk.	282	Boyd & Co						
April 7	Hyne	Brit. bk.	437	Passing & Co						
April 7	Marlin	Brit. bk.	490	Passing & Co						

FOOCHOW.										
In Force on 15th April, 1893.										
April 9	Dunlop	Brit. bk.	393	Chinese	—					
April 9	Dobson	Brit. bk.	790	Chinese						
Mar. 21	Möller	Ger. sch.	397	Chinese						

SHANGHAI.										
In Force on 21st April, 1893.										
Jan. 31	Graham	Brit. bk.	414	Drysdale, Binger & Co	Yokohama Kobe Kushigata					
April 14	Johnson	Brit. bg.	239	Nils Möller						
April 7	Reger	Brit. bk.	350	Nils Möller						
April 6	Tambrell	Brit. bk.	374	Morris & Co						
April 14	Michelson	Ger. sch.	272	E. B. Schellhaus & Co						
Aug. 10	Taylor	Chi. bk.	472	C. M. S. N. Co						
Mar. 9	Hayes	Ger. sch.	538	Meyerink & Co						
Mar. 9	Barnes	Nor. bk.	497	Rutterfield & Swire						
Mar. 9	Weston	Am. bk.	110	Russell & Co						
Feb. 11	Kotel	Brit. bk.	359	Nils Möller						
Oct. 25	Lodge Bang	Ger. bk.	510	Russell & Co						
Mar. 2	Ulberg	Am. sch.	535	J. W. Müller & Co						
Mar. 7	Hörvis	Amr. bk.	605	Chapman, King & Co						
Apr. 10	Lennie	Ger. bk.	483	Chapman, King & Co						
Apr. 11	Schroder	Brit. bk.	240	Nils Möller						
Apr. 12	Tussaschn	Jap. bk.	367	Rogin & Co						
Feb. 8	Chalmers	Brit. bk.	945	W. Hewitt & Co						

NAGASAKI.										
In Force on 14th April, 1893.										
April 14	Kwanan	Ger. bk.	524	Order	Yokohama Kobe Kushigata					
April 10	Offerhaus	Ger. bk.	536	Order						
April 12	Richter	Brit. bk.	506	Order						
Apr. 10	Ellis	Jap. bk.	416	Mitsui Bussan						
Apr. 10	Ki Maru	Christiansen	Jap. sh.	400	M. B. M. Co					

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.										
NAME	FLAG	GUNS	R.F.	CAPTAIN	WHERE AT.					
Abreck	Russian gunboat	7	320	Captain Schaub	Chooes					
Adonis	Austrian gunboat	4	170	Commander Callard	Saloon					
Alert	American corvette	6	250	Commander L. Kempff	Kobe					
Africa	Russian corvette	8	—	Captain Alexoff	Singapore					
Aracon	Spanish frigate	—	—	Captain J. R. Hiquero	Shanghai					
D. of Edinburgh	Russian ironclad	18	400	Captain Stiers	Hongkong					
Edinburgh	German transport	19	180	Hollmann	Nagasaki					
Ernst	Russian transport	—	180	Captain Kollshau	Yokohama					
Gornostal	Russian gunboat	7	390	Commander Stark	Yokohama					
Hittis	German gunboat	8	100	Commander Klauke	Hongkong					
Kernalt	French corvette	10	275	Commander Beaumont	Halphong					
L. Victorieuse	French frigate	14	350	Captain D. de la Batie	Halphong					
Leipzig	German corvette	16	180	Captain Herbig	Hongkong					
Lutina	French gunboat	10	100	Captain Rouvier	Halphong					
Menocacy	American gunboat	6	100	Commander O. S. Cotton	Swatow					
Morge	Russian gunboat	7	220	Commander Tetsudori	Japan					
Norpe	Russian gunboat	7	220	Commander Valroni	Nagasaki					
Palas	American gunboat	6	230	Lieut. Commander Green	Hongkong					
Platmond	Russian corvette	8	—	Captain Polarecky	Saloon					
Richmond	American frigate	14	350	Captain Skerritt	Hongkong					
Robt.	Russian gunboat	7	220	Commander Boyle	Yokohama					
St. Petersburg	German transport	19	180	Captain Sidenker	Yokohama					
Soboch	Russian corvette	10	270	Captain von Buchholtz	Hongkong					
Tamaga	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	Capt. da Costa Cabral	Macao					
Tongous	Russian gunboat	—	—	Commander Heck	Singapore					
Valasco	Spanish cruiser	—	—	Capt. J. M. Warila	Hongkong					
Vendict	Russian cruiser	—	—	Captain A. Arla	Singapore					
Village	French corvette	15	600	Captain Dewatre	Halphong					
Wolck	Russian gunboat	4	—	Commander Molokowsky	Japan					
Wolf	German gunboat	4	234	Commander von Raven	Hongkong					

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.										
NAME	FLAG AND RIG.	GUNS	TONS	R.F.	COMMANDER	STATION.				
An-lan	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	—	Hongkong				
Chao-ling	Revenus cruiser	2	50	30	—	Hongkong				
Chiao-ling	Revenus cruiser	2	50	30	J. Stewart	Hongkong				
Chiao-ling	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	F. Bessard	Hongkong				
Chiao-ling	Viceroy's gunboat	4	120	60	—	Hongkong				
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